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heard the motion. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The motion carries. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have reports. I understand the third caucus would like to meet in Room 2022 now, third caucus. That consists of Senators Engel, Cunningham, Tyson, Robak, Burling, Cudaback, Kristensen, Schrock, Dierks, McDonald, Dwite Peder...I'm sorry, Don Pederson, Don Pederson, Jones, Baker, Erdman, Smith, Wickersham. If you would gather in Room 2022, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Members, we will stand at ease. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have received reports from the various Executive Board caucuses. The first caucus has selected Senators Byars and Beutler to represent the interests of that caucus on Executive Board, second caucus has selected Senator Suttle and Senator Chambers, and the third caucus selected Senator Jones and Senator Engel.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move the approval of the nominees to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Is there discussion? Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. Motion carries. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I move to proceed to the election of the Standing Committee Chairpersons by secret ballot in accordance with Rule 3, Section 7(a).

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Those in favor of the motion say aye. Those opposed nay. The motion carries. We'll proceed to the election of the Chairperson of Agriculture. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I stand to place my name in nomination for Chair